

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following species:

- A. Etching (claims 22-25, 49-52 and 56-62);
- B. Ablating (claims 26-28 and 53-55); and
- C. Embossing (claims 29-30).

In response, the applicants elect Species A, claims 22-25, 49-52 and 56-62, without traverse. Non-elected claims 26-30 and 53-55 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or other application. The foregoing election of Species A is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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